

# **“INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION IN NORTH CAROLINA”**

## **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Registration for Modules 1-3 is now open for the Winter/Spring 2013 CD Course Registration closes January 31, 2013**

“Introduction to Communicable Disease Surveillance & Investigation Course” consists of five (5) modules of study offered by the N.C. Division of Public Health / Communicable Disease Branch.

- Modules 1-3 require computer access to complete online and desktop activities. Course work is self-paced and includes a combination of teaching methods: lectures on DVD, on-line activities, readings, and knowledge checks
- Modules 1-3 must be completed by **June 14, 2013**, no exceptions. **This is the last offering of this version of the course. Post-test must be completed by June 30, 2013.**
- Modules 1-3 are provided at no cost to local health departments
- Modules 4 & 5 of the CD Course consist of Regional Training by CD Nurse Consultants (Module 4) and the Annual CD Conference (Module 5). Credit for participation in Module 4 and Module 5 is awarded separately.

Public health nurses must enroll and complete Modules 1-5 of the CD Course within one year of their assignment as the **lead** Communicable Disease nurse. Additionally, Local health departments/health districts must maintain a staff of at least **2 trained nurses** (usually the lead CD nurse and a back up nurse and/or CD supervisor).

Modules 1-3 of the CD Course have been approved for 38 nursing contact hours. Continuing education credit will be provided through the Public Health Nursing and Professional Development (PHN&PD) Unit in the Department of Health and Human Services. PHN&PD is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Public Health Nursing and Professional Development qualifies as an acceptable provider of continuing education as defined by the Board of Nursing for the Continuing Competence process.

Please refer staff to the following website for registration and detailed course information:  
<http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/cd/training.html>

If you have questions please contact the course coordinator or a Regional CD Nurse Consultant:

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